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**Chief Executive Officer** 

# EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS (ITEM 50-C, AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2011)

On December 6, 2011, your Board ratified the proclamation of existence of a local emergency made on December 1, 2011, for the severe winds beginning in Los Angeles County on November 30, 2011, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to provide status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway. This report updates the activities that have taken place since the first report dated December 22, 2011.

#### **JANUARY 6, 2012**

 Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich sent a letter to Governor Brown requesting that he exercise his authority under a State of Emergency to provide the Los Angeles County Operational Area (Operational Area) financial relief using the California Disaster Assistance Act.

#### **JANUARY 9, 2012**

 The Small Business Administration (SBA) Recovery Center (Center) re-opened. Due to the limited scope of the disaster, no Local Assistance Centers were established. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) represented the County at the Center and coordinated the dissemination of information regarding services available from County departments and State agencies to residents in the impacted areas.

### **JANUARY 11, 2012**

• SBA informed OEM that due to the demographics of the areas that sustained damage, additional Centers would not be opened and operation of the current Center would end Friday, January 20, 2012. However, residents may still apply for Property Damage Loans until February 17, 2012, either over the telephone at (800) 659-2955 or online at <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u> or <u>www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance</u>. The deadline to submit an application for Economic Injury Loans, designed for small businesses and private or non-profit organizations that suffered economic injury (regardless of physical property damage), is September 19, 2012.

### **JANUARY 12, 2012**

 OEM represented the Chief Executive Office at the Windstorm Response Assessment Panel, a multi-agency hearing conducted by Congressman Adam Schiff. Congressman Schiff is gathering information regarding the response and recovery activities conducted by utilities, local, State, and Federal agencies.

### JANUARY 14, 17, and 19, 2012

 OEM represented the Operational Area at community town hall meetings that were held in Pasadena. The City of Pasadena recognized the mutual aid support provided by the County's Department of Public Works. No other significant issues concerning the County's response were raised by the meeting participants.

#### JANUARY 20, 2012

• The Center ceased operations on Friday, January 20, 2012. The Center processed 172 applications for SBA loans. The application process requires approximately 30 days for review and approval.

## JANUARY 23, 2012

 OEM is coordinating the establishment of a new Operational Area interagency committee to launch a major outreach campaign to encourage residents to engage in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and to improve disaster communication using CERT teams. The outreach campaign and coordination of communication during emergencies will increase community resiliency in responding to and recovering from all disasters. Each Supervisor February 3, 2012 Page 3

# **JANUARY 24, 2012**

 OEM has scheduled the kick-off meeting for the After-Action Report (AAR) of the windstorm on Thursday, February 2, 2012. The AAR will evaluate the multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional response and recovery to the windstorm and will provide recommendations for improvements in the Operational Area's response to and recovery from future emergency events.

We will continue to provide updates of our recovery actions as our efforts progress. Should you have any questions of the information provided, you may contact me or a member of your staff may contact Assistant Administrator Keith Harrison, OEM, at (323) 980-2269.

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